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SHORT DELPHINIUM SPIKES for COLOR RANGE

HOODACRES ORIGINATING GARDENS

First home of the world's only double pure WHITE DELPHINIUMS and where other new plants burst forth from the unseen into earth life. Some of these are announced in this catalog and other introductions will follow.

I wish to thank those who have reported results on the plants or seed from Hoodacres, and add that any help I am able to give on your plant problems will be cheerfully rendered.

Unusual interest now centers about the *new* HOODACRES WHITE varieties, and since they are coming into prominence both here and abroad, I shall especially appreciate any items from those growing them.

HOODACRES is located directly on *Columbia River Highway*, the great scenic drive, five miles out from Portland city limits and midway between Portland and Troutdale. (Take Sandy Road to Birdsdale Avenue.)

Some Delphiniums are blooming throughout the season; largest showing late May through June, September and October. Visitors are always welcome.

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A REQUEST — Should the person receiving this Delphinium booklet have no need for it, a double favor will be conferred by passing it on to someone who is interested.

When Delphiniums Bloom

It is not difficult to comprehend why gardeners grow Delphiniums, or perennial Larkspurs. They do not grow them for profit, although those who tend the flowers may be commercial gardeners. They do not grow them for gain solely. If you have seen a garden of Delphiniums in full flower, ranging from the hue of a starless twilight to that of cloudless summer noon, you will know that gardeners could not think wholly of profit and grow Delphiniums.

It is simple enough to lose one's heart to any flower. The loveliness of it grows in the loam of one's heart and blooms there until the season of that flower is anticipated and a hunger comes for the witnessing of it. New leaves emerge from the soil, and bending over them, that delicate fragile green, one considers that they must bloom some day. And the flower stalk rises from amid the foliage, and buds appear, and eagerness hovers the miracle. It will be soon, now. It is in this wise that gardeners watch the Delphinium, and more observantly than any other of the garden's guests.

Nor are they ever unrewarded. There is a morning when the spires unfold, and modestly, and day to day the Delphiniums increase in stately stature and quaint beauty until there is no dream of blue that does not find its counterpart in the garden. There are tints past dreaming, as must ever be the case when the creative artistry vies with the fancy of mortals. Delphiniums are very satisfactory. To walk among them is to feel that providence is not unmindful of beauty, that it takes thought of the nurture of the spirit, and that the Delphiniums hold speech with you. There is a white-crowned sparrow singing in the rose.—
Ben Hur Lampman, the Oregon poet.



DELPHINIUM STATELINESS—Eight and nine-foot spires in the walled garden of Mr. Harry A. Roberts, at Oak Grove, Oregon. Compare height with the tall Japanese Iris just in front.



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Hoodacres Delphiniums

—have been developing over a period of more than 25 years. Remarkable as they are for great range of rarest coloring, variety of floret forms and towering spikes of luxuriant bloom, these features rest on the great constitutional vigor of the strain. We are constantly complimented on the root system carried by our plants. And they are grown without irrigation.

Wrexham, or "Hollyhock" Delphiniums

This strain is now extensively known for its massive, garden-display, spikes of bloom—broad at the base and tapering, so we need only say that, having been the first to introduce these plants to the growers in the United States, with a large initial planting, we continue to grow them in large numbers, and are prepared to send out the finest specimens to be had outside the originator's gardens.

Hoodacres Specialties

A perfect Delphinium garden will contain other things as foils. One of these is the improved Japanese Iris, another is the Hybrid Heuchera, and with both of these we have done extensive hybridizing and development.

Other Nursery Stock

As Hoodacres is located in the midst of Oregon's nursery section, we are able to procure the best in rock and border plants, roses, shrubs, etc., other than our own raising. If it will help we shall be glad to take care of your wants and ship with our own things.

Chaste White Delphiniums

The New HOODACRES WHITES

One of the loveliest flowers imaginable is a well grown White Delphinium. Its beautiful formation and glistening purity charm when other white flowers do not appeal, and even one spike introduced in a vase of others makes the high-light, so essential to a perfect picture. Upon the vigorous foundation stock of Hoodacres plantings has been born a new race, called HOODACRES WHITES, a revelation to the world and the dream of many come true; the most surprising Delphinium development of the century.

After many years of skillful endeavor by the breeders of the world to produce a good semi-double White Delphinium, it remained for HOODACRES, in America, to bring forth this remarkable accomplishment. And it has been done with the fewest possible intermediate stages of development. The magnificent spikes of purest white are carried as tall and on just as rugged plants as the ones with color. This will be observed in the photographs reproduced in this booklet. *There are no duplicates of these WHITES anywhere in the world.*

Albinos of the past have been weak, shabbily clothed and unfit to appear in good company. Quite as by magic these white creations came, leaving the hybridizers puzzling as to how it was brought about. The forces of the spirit world can do many things not dreamed of in our philosophy, and these were consciously at work in the creating of Hoodacres White Delphiniums.

GOOD HANDLING OF SEEDS

Washington, 1932. "I got a package of your White Delphinium seed last fall and have 107 nice strong plants this spring."



ANGEL'S BREATH with dusky companions. Short laterals.

White Varieties

WHITE SISTER. Clear white double flowers of good size and fine form, well set on medium length spikes, the whole plant representing the same health and good breeding as seen in the best colored varieties. Strong plants \$7.00 each.

PEARL NECKLACE. Large flowers of the purest glistening white and carried on a splendid size spike. This is an outstanding creation with its vigorous growth and luxuriant foliage. It would be difficult for the imagination to picture anything finer for purity and loveliness. Strong plants \$15.00 each.

ANGEL'S BREATH. The same double, pure white large flowers as above but with a center of fawn. Beautiful combination. Strong plants \$10.00 each.

VELVABEE. Clear white double flowers with centers of black. The first season we could offer this remarkable and captivating variety. The stock is very limited. \$15.00 each.

BRIDAL GOWN. A Hoodacres white with single blossoms. Handsome flowers and excellent plants but florets either single or only partly doubled. Strong plants \$3.00 each.

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White Seeds, page 11

A MINISTER WHO SPURNS FOOLISH PEDESTALS
New Jersey. "Please send me 5 bucks worth of double
White Delphinium seed."



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Selected Hoodacres Hybrids

Cannot be too highly recommended. From many thousand plants, we select each season, at time of blooming, by a system of careful checking and labeling, a limited number of exceptional merit that are distinguished into *light*, *medium* and *dark* shades. These are grown into strong blooming specimens before they are sent out and are known as **SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS**. See page 9.

Unselected Hoodacres Hybrids

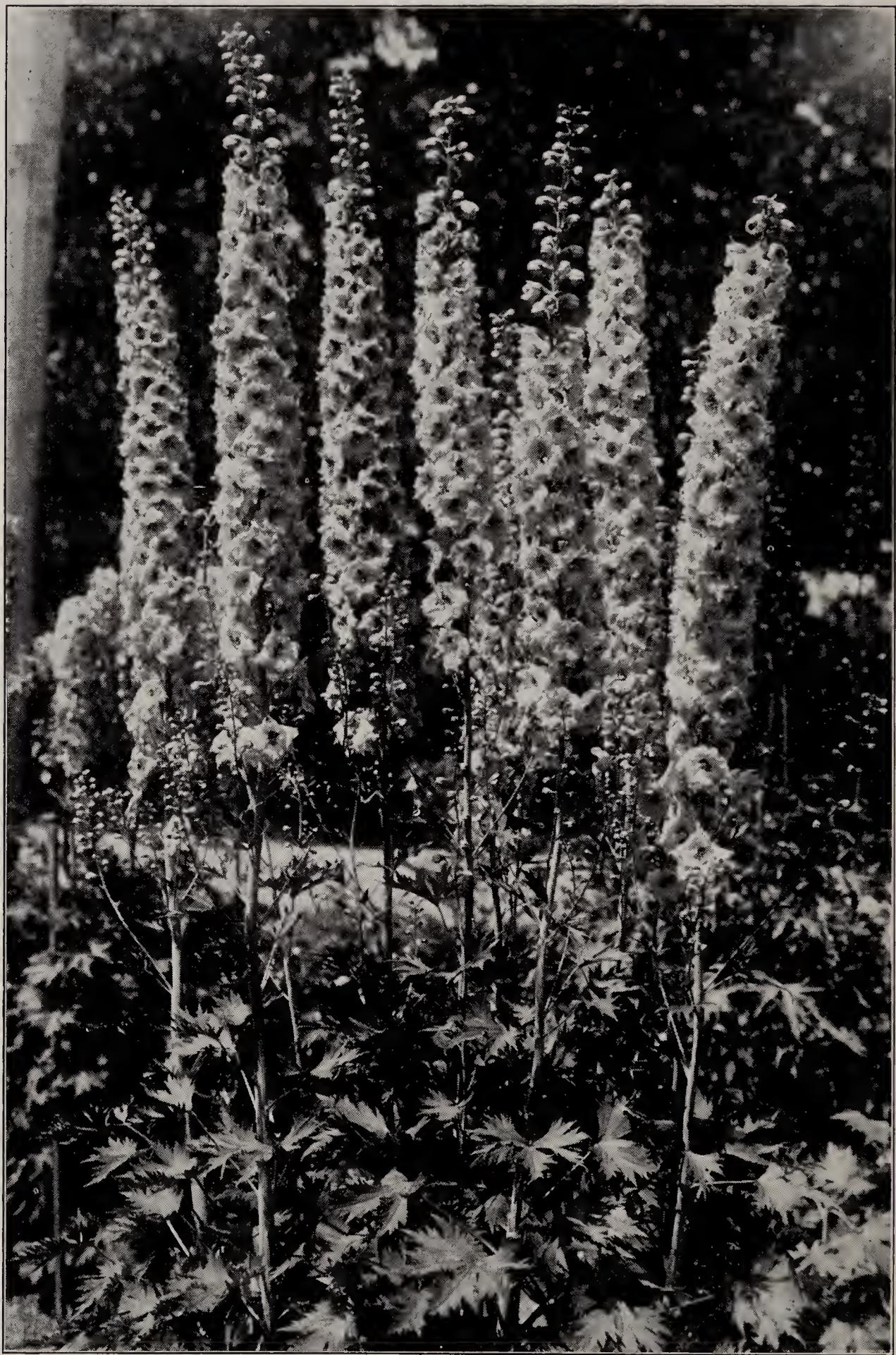
are sold from the general planting, after all doubtful ones have been eliminated when in bloom. Many forms and colors. These give remarkable satisfaction and frequently single specimens are found to be worth the cost of a dozen. The price is low enough to encourage liberal planting. Do you know the pleasure of a Delphinium patch from which to cut freely for indoor decoration? See page 9.

FROM A HOODACRES VISITOR TO A NEW ENGLAND ENQUIRER

“Noting your remarks about White Delphiniums. I have wished that you might visit Hoodacres when they are in bloom. I have seen them there in all their beauty, especially attractive in the soft lights of early morning and evening. Not in bloom, I challenge anyone to detect any difference in the growing quality of the Whites and the

SMALL SEEDLINGS, COAST TO COAST

Massachusetts, 1931. “Your Small Seedlings bought this spring are in fine shape—lost only one out of the 26. Plants from seeds bought of you last summer number 104 from the packet and all are blooming finely.”



One plant standing seven feet in height of many field grown
unfertilized HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Delphinium Plants

SELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS. (Page 7.) Each a representative plant, carefully selected at time of blooming for its superior individual quality. We can fill orders from either light, medium or dark sections, or make up a blend of colors. \$1.00 each, 3 for \$2.50, 12 for \$9.00.

UNSELECTED HOODACRES HYBRIDS. (Page 7.) Of the same age as above, without color selection. \$3.00 dozen; 2 dozen, \$5.00.

HOODACRES-WREXHAM HYBRIDS. As the name implies, these are from Hoodacres and Wrexham crossing and are exceptional specimens. \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 12 for \$18.00.

WREXHAM STRAIN. The name "Wrexham" is being extensively used to sell plants and seeds having none of the true characteristics. Our stock is maintained strictly to type, with broad-based tapering spikes. \$3.00 each.

HOODACRES WHITE. (Prices on page 6.)

Mature plants usually sent by express. No charge for box or packing.

Small Seedlings

Topmost quality. Spring shipment only. Good condition arrival guaranteed. The demand each spring for small unbloomed plants is now met. They are from August sowings, carried through winter in outdoor frames, insuring splendid vigor for late summer blooming. Prepared to ship safely anywhere on the North American continent. From following seed stock, specimen plants:

COMPLETE RANGE of Shades and Forms.

LIGHT SHADES only, finest varieties.

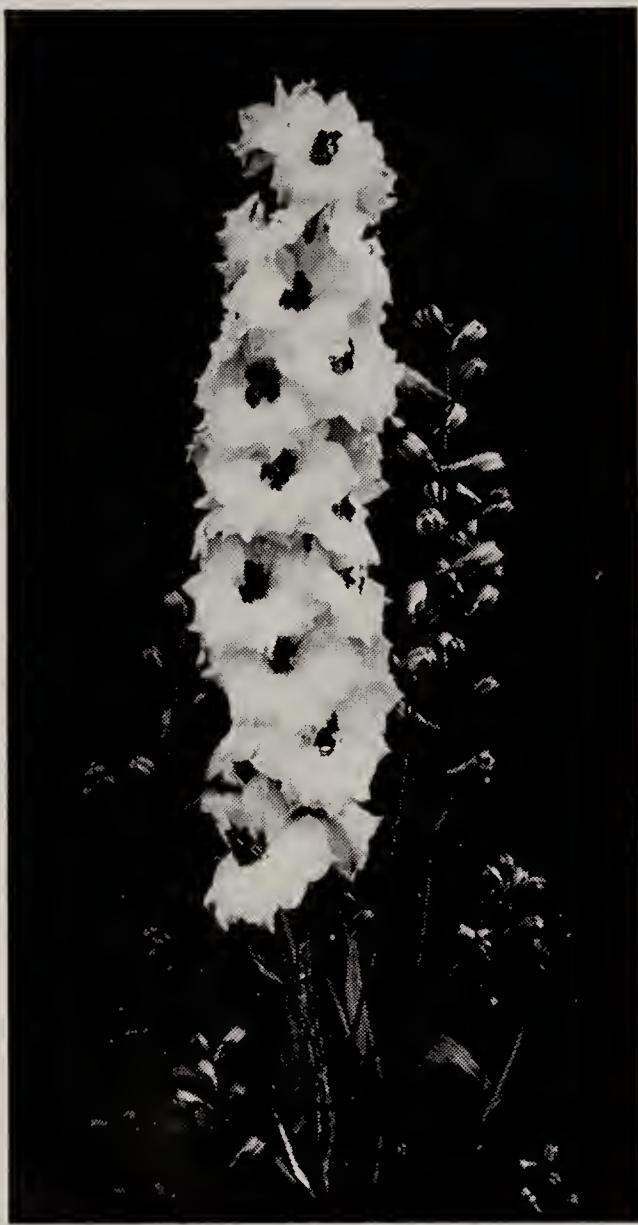
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WREXHAM Strain separate.

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HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY



VELVABEE

First blooming, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. florets.
the most beautiful Delphiniums she has ever seen."

HOODACRES SEEDS BROUGHT LONG- SOUGHT RESULTS

Nebraska, 1932. "At last, after years of growing Delphiniums from others' seeds, I have wonderful specimen plants and bloom from seed bought of you last year."

QUICK RETURNS

Ohio, 1932. "I must let you know what wonderful success I have had with your Delphinium seed. I planted them last August (1931) and have one White bloom this June which I think worth the price of all three packets.

"My neighbor, who is on a trip through Washington and Oregon, sends word that she stopped at your place and that you have

THRILLED! TALL AND GLORIOUS

Iowa, 1932. "I want you to know how thrilled I am with my Delphiniums grown from your seed. I have one eight feet tall and many over six—and glorious beyond description. My little Pearl Necklace plants are also coming along in fine shape. Needless to say I am eager to see them in bloom. Seed planted this spring."



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Seeds of Hoodacres Delphiniums

One of the most exacting operations at Hoodacres is the protection and collection of *seeds* from prepared specimen plants. Only such are used—we do not gather from the general planting.

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ALL-TYPES SELECTION. From Selected Hoodacres Hybrids, very light to very dark shades, mostly double. Packets 50c. Ounce rates to the trade.

HOODACRES DEEP BLUES. New, large double flowers impressively rich in coloring. Pkt. \$2.00.

RED RAMA. A color that stands out strongest among Delphiniums. The petalage is intense violet-red and a large center of pure white. Pkt. \$2.50.

SUNRISE PINK. A real Delphinium pink of lightest tone. Much in demand but only now available. Pkt. \$2.00.

Hoodacres White

DOUBLE VARIETIES MIXED. Pkt. \$3.50.

PEARL NECKLACE only. Pkt. \$5.00.

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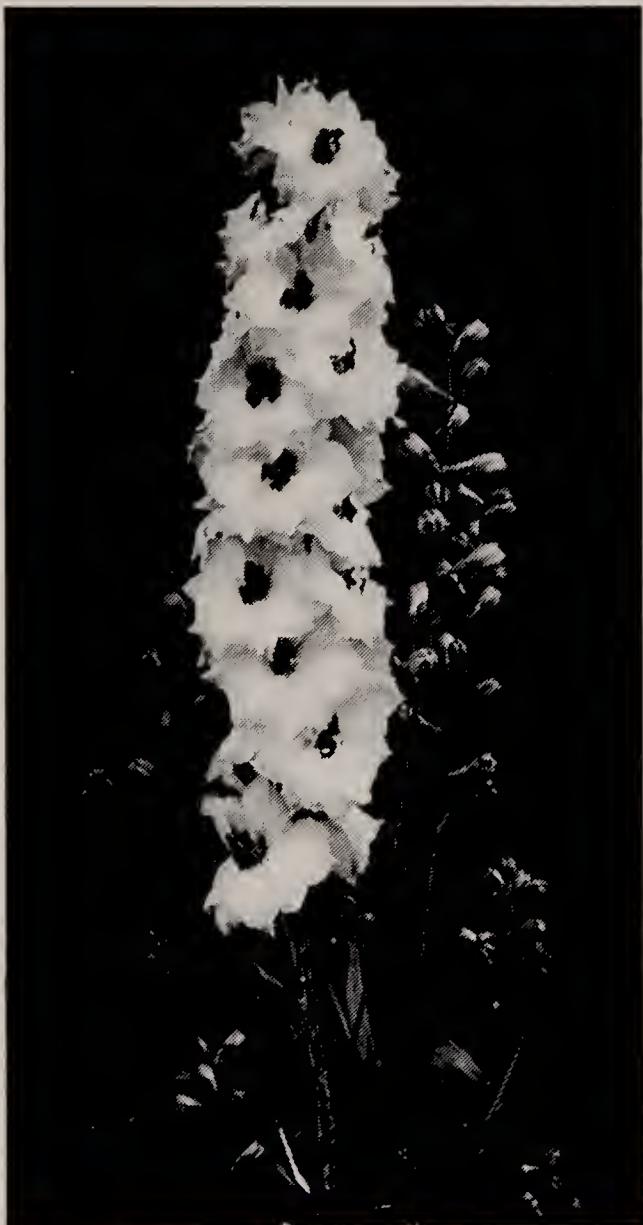
WHITE DELPHINIUMS MORE LASTING

New York, 1931. "The Hoodacres Whites I got from you last year are just beginning to show flower and a very large percentage appear to be white. Those that have opened are really grand—the only real whites I have produced so far. Another point I have noticed—five-foot spikes cut from 2-year-old plants do not drop nearly as quickly after cutting as do colored varieties. Mr. W____ of Vaughn's Seed Store, New York, where I have a weekly display of cut blooms, noticed this also." James Forbes Barclay.

From Emily Post, Edgartown, Mass. "The plants were too wonderful—I have never seen such splendid clumps. I am sure they will 'behave' beautifully and be a credit to us both."

SPRING 1934

Brief Listing of



NEW WHITE—VELVABEE

First Blooming

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NEW INTRODUCTIONS

MAUVE MANTLE. Singularly attractive in the throng of beautifully colored spikes. True mauve and practically a self. Packet \$2.00

MISTLAND BLUE. In double-flowered Delphiniums self blues are very rare. This is a charming medium tone, between azure and deep blue. Packet \$2.00

PURPLE ARGOSY. Deepest red-purple, double, emphasized by its black center. Effective and outstanding. Packet \$2.00

ORIGINATOR'S HOODACRES WHITE SEEDS

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HOODACRES HYBRID HEUCHERA

A new race of "Coral Bells" or "Fairy Flowers." Greater vigor and blooming quality.

RAIN OF FIRE. Strong coral red bells.

EDGE HALL. Dwarfer, light pink.

MELODY. Light coral pink, tall, abundant bloomer and fine for massing.

30c each, 3 for 75c, dozen \$2.50

ANGELUS BELLS. Charming medium tone of coral.

ALBATROSS and **NEBULENSE.** White flowered forms. 35c each, 3 for 90c, dozen \$3.00

HEUCHERA SEEDLINGS in splendid colors, mostly shades of coral. 6 for \$1.00, dozen \$1.75, 100 \$12.50. Priced for mass plantings. Two months' glorious display.

AQUILEGIA (COLUMBINE) SEEDS. Beautiful foliage and always charming flowers. Plant in sun or shade. The Hoodacres strain is notable for **large flowers, long spurs and deep colors.** Packets contain full range of shades, including Poet's Desire, Eastern Prince, Copper Queen, Myrose, Red Spur, Golden Shore, Etc.

Liberal packets 50c

TROLLIUS, GOLDEN QUEEN, Large Orange Yellow, New, most attractive. 40c, 3 for \$1.00

HEMEROCALLIS, DOVER, large clear orange. Also in yellow. 75c, 3 for \$1.75

J. A. CRAWFORD, very large apricot yellow. \$1.50, 3 for \$3.40

FLAVA, early, yellow, and **THUNBERGII,** late, light yellow. Each 25c, 3 for 60c

ORIENTAL POPPIES. **AUSTRALIA,** immense size, rich deep carmine. One of the two highest scoring in the world. \$1.50 and \$2.50

LADY MOORE, glowing salmon pink, later blooming. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25

LILIES. **TESTACEUM**, (Nankeen). One of the finest and rarest. Nankeen yellow, tall. \$1.00 and \$2.00 Less 10% by the dozen

WASHINGTONIANUM, (Mt. Hood). Abundant bloomers. Opening white, changing to wine. 50c, dozen \$5.00

REGALE. The well known introduction from China. 50c. 10% less by the dozen. All lilies fall delivery only

TOWER BILLS. We are again prepared to supply the beautiful "Giant" campanulas, which were oversold last season. Splendid Delphinium companions, hardy and long blooming. Large bells of Bradley's Violet. 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.50

We cannot fill plant orders of less than \$1.00.

TWO REAL BOOKS *on the* **DELPHINIUM**

Both New *and* Invaluable *to the*
Grower or Would-be Grower

DELPHINIUMS: THEIR HISTORY and CULTIVATION, by George A. Phillips, the English authority on this subject. Finely gotten up, entertaining and instructive along Delphinium lines. Illustrated, 25 pages. Price \$2.50

BOOK of the AMERICAN DELPHINIUM SOCIETY. A treatise by various authors specially fitted to deal with their particular phase of the subject. Breeding, culture, judging, etc. Also illustrated, 150 pages.

\$1.50. Send us your order

The omission in this price list of items that appeared in the regular Hoodacres catalog represents lack of sufficient stock at the present moment. But they are to be again offered when the supply is built up. This includes Japanese Irises. Catalog 10¢ credited on first order.

Charles F. Barber
Troutdale, Oregon

Delphinium Classification

Delphiniums classify naturally into twelve groups, relating to form and color of the individual florets: Doubles vs. Singles; Light or Dark centers, or bees; Light, Medium and Dark petalage.

LIGHT SHADES. All lightest colored varieties, excepting white. The blue is sky, Venetian or Belladonna. The combining tones in doubles are lilac, pinky or light mauve—numerous fine tones.

MEDIUM SHADES. cornflower blue prevails, the other tones in doubles are mauve, pinky or light violet in many charming variations.

DARK SHADES. The basic blues are deep gentian or marine and the double forms usually carry also blue-purple, or red-purple, always impressive.

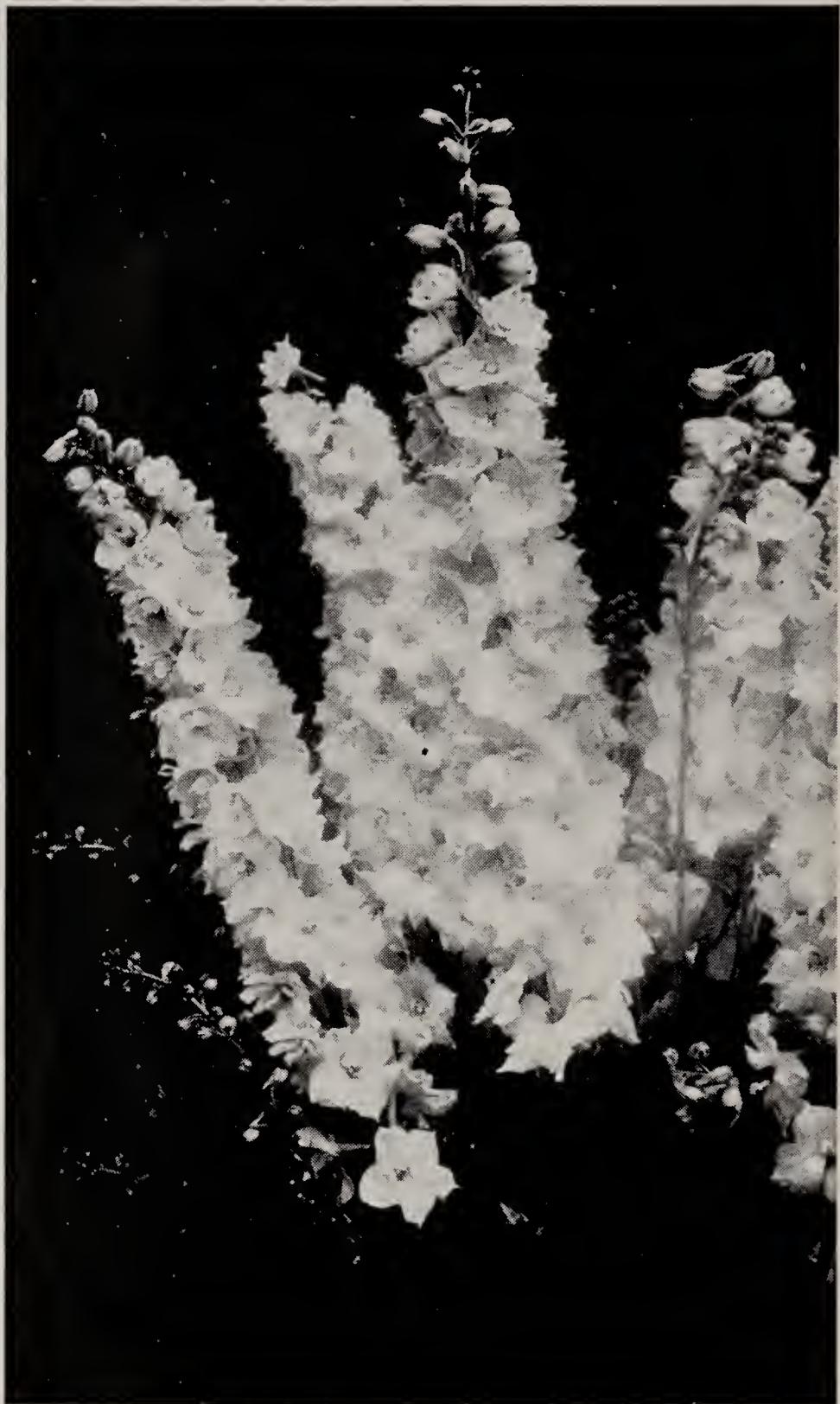
Classified Seeds

Double Varieties	Single Varieties
Navajo	Lightest shades, white centers.
Ottawa	Lightest shades, dark centers.
Pawnee	Medium shades, white centers.
Quapaw	Medium shades, dark centers.
Rama	Dark shades, white centers.
Shasta	Dark shades, dark centers.
Pkt. \$1.00 separate only.	Apache Biloxi Cayuga Dakota Eskimo Fonecha Pkt. 50c separate only.
	The set of 12 packets \$6.75.

Explicit planting instructions sent with each seed order.

Unless otherwise demanded, all seed orders received after June 1st will be filled from the new crop, ready about August 1st. August planting will bloom the following summer.

Watch for fragrance in Hoodacres seedlings. There are occasional outcroppings here.



PEARL NECKLACE SEEDLINGS

A FRAGRANT SURPRISE

Massachusetts, 1931. "I never heard of a Delphinium with an odor, but out of the plants I raised from your seed there were two. One was a white and the other a blue-lavender, with a delightful scent of grapes. I cut the flowers so the plant would get a good root system, and the fragrance lasted four days, until the flowers faded."



HOODACRES DELPHINIUMS

Tell-Tale Reports, Unsolicited

IN ANOTHER CLASS

Alberta, Canada, 1932. "I thought with . . . I had reached finality in Delphiniums and undoubtedly they were good, but those I raised from your seed are in another class altogether and it was remarkable to get such a large percentage of fine varieties from a single packet of seed. The Whites were also wonderful, and if your named varieties are any better they must be truly marvelous."

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#### THE "FRILLIEST" WHITE

Iowa, 1932. "I cannot refrain from writing you a note concerning my White Delphiniums—seeds bought of you. Every plant is bearing semi-double or double flowers and simply beyond words. Then one of ours is the frillest flower I ever saw in Delphiniums. Each flower looks as though it had a tiny edging of fringe."

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PLEASURE AND PRIZES

Michigan, 1931. "I thought you might be interested to know that my Hoodacres Delphiniums, which I started just about a year ago, took first prize at the Berrien County Flower Show. I have had more pleasure out of my seedling Delphiniums this summer than from any flowers I have ever grown."

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#### HOODACRES SEEDS IN MERRIE ENGLAND

England, 1931. "Something just over 50 per cent of the plants I raised from your White packet came white. All are double except one, which is a large single with a fawn eye. The general habit is very good and the pips are of good size, in most cases 2 to 2½ inches. I am very pleased with them."

## *How to Grow Delphiniums from Seeds*

The seed-bed, whether flat, cold-frame or open ground, cannot be too carefully prepared. Avoid any risky element in the soil. We must both encourage the seeds to germinate and have congenial conditions ready for the sensitive infant plants. When pots or flats are used put ample drainage material at the bottom, shards or gravel, and over this some sphagnum or peat moss. A good seed soil is three parts clean and friable garden loam, one part sweet leaf mold and one part pure sharp sand, mixed well with a little charcoal and screened fine. Level and press smooth before planting the seeds and if soil is dry water two hours ahead of sowing. Cover the seeds not more than one-eighth inch *and never let the seed-bed dry out for even a moment*, nor should it be kept soggy.

For August sowing, use cold-frames without glass, but *shaded until germination takes place* (where they may remain over winter). Will bring flowering plants the following summer. Very early spring sowing in gentle heat will also produce bloom the same season (greenhouse or hotbed). Once transplanted before going into permanent place induces fuller root system.

A half-inch layer of sand on top of seed-bed will afford winter protection, and discourage slugs.

Hoodacres seeds are harvested throughout the month of July and are usually ready to send out the first week in August, just in time to be sown for carrying over winter.

*It is unsafe to sow out-of-doors after August (except in California and similar climates), as frost will lift the too small plants.*

Delphinium seeds are only at their best when fresh and should not be counted upon when more than one year old. The fresher they are the more prompt will be germination. We never send out old harvesting.



Cut spikes, various tones, including white

## *Delphinium Culture*

Plants are safely moved throughout the fall and *early* spring. Except in very wet, cold soils, *autumn planting is strongly recommended*. They are not checked when spring growth starts.

After getting well-grown plants, allow a two-foot space for each and open the earth to same depth, and 18 inches in breadth, filling the lowest foot with a mixture of *very old* manure and garden soil, well mixed and tamped.

Complete filling with the best soil you can provide, preferably containing some leaf mold, and made thoroughly friable.

If the sub-soil is very heavy, dig the hole six inches deeper and fill that depth with coarse gravel to insure perfect drainage. If of a clayey nature, incorporate sand and peat-moss to prevent caking, as much of the vigor of the plant comes from the tiny surface roots. Set crowns two inches below the surface, the roots well spread and soil firmed against them before leveling. Avoid dense shade, roots of trees, and stuffy locations.

When growth first starts in spring, dig around each plant a trowel of bone-meal. Cut faded spikes to prevent seeding. It is the nature of hybrid Delphiniums to *bloom a second time* in the season and as the second growth appears the old stalk yellows, is no longer required, and should be cut down. Do not force this second growth; rather allow a short resting period, then give another supply of bone-meal, *being careful not to destroy the fine surface-feeding roots*, and water as needed. If the weaker growths are removed when plants are a few inches high, the remaining ones will benefit. Well-grown Delphiniums will bloom the first season after planting and, being true perennials, should, with favorable conditions, increase in size and grandeur each year.

As figs do not grow on thistles, no matter how we tend them, no more can you expect show spikes on your Delphiniums if procured from unskilled growers.

## *Delphinium Enemies*

The clean garden discourages many enemies, especially the bacterial ones. Decaying litter provides them a good home.

Avoid fresh manures near plants as you would the pestilence. And use any high-powered fertilizer with extreme caution. It is much safer to stick to the plain old-fashioned foods that we all know how to deal with.

Before the Delphiniums start growth in spring a lime-sulphur spraying of the soil, at the orchard strength of ten to one, is an excellent precautionary measure.

If there is a tendency to mildew or black-spot, adding Black-leaf 40 to the lime-sulphur at the rate of one tablespoon to three gallons of water, is recommended. Fortunately, Hoodacres is quite free from these disturbances.

Slugs will sometimes leave home merely by the use of sharp sand strewn over the ground, but more persistent breeds may need copper sulphate crystals crushed fine and scattered where they raid. This is very poisonous and must be handled accordingly.

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### A DELPHINIUM-GROWING CUE FROM MISSOURI

Ridgeway, Mo., 1931. "Last fall I bought a packet of Hoodacres Delphinium seed, planted them indoors in January and grew 50 fine lusty plants. But in June we had an extreme streak of dry weather with intense heat, lasting about ten days. I tried to save my Delphiniums by watering them but soon lost nearly all. I only saved seven plants and they were ones I did not water at all, but merely hoed every day. They are just wonderful and one is a double White."

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"What is worth coveting is worth purchasing."



## *The Orient in America*



## *The Picturesque Japanese Iris for American Gardens*

Their form, their markings and their color effects are distinctly Oriental, and strike a new and captivating note of garden pleasure. The foliage is upright and ornate, in contrast to the coarse leafage of some other plants.

It is difficult to express by words the many variations in tone that result from nature's use of violet shades and white, embellished with gold, which are the prevailing base colors of the class. Yet they run from the most intense red and blue violets or purple down through their most delicate shadings to pure white. Many of our newest hybrids are particularly charming in tender orchid tones.

Their culture is easy, but exacting as to their simple wants. The soil must be on the acid side and this excludes lime and bone meal. Leaf mold and old stable manure may be used quite freely for richness, and to create greater acidity apply in spring a light dressing of aluminum sulphate. Then be sure that before and during the blooming season there is no lack of moisture in the soil and if your plants are well chosen you will marvel at their size and opulence. But do not expect them to be at their best the first season after planting.

This is an exclusive list, omitting all varieties commonly catalogued that are inferior or superseded. Many of the largest and finest are our own hybrids, not previously offered.



HOODACRES ON THE HIGHWAY

*Hoodacres Giant Japs*



KALIKO, a Japanese Iris of great beauty.

**AZURE** (68). Great wavy petals of mauve-blue deepening towards the golden arrow at base. Double, 75c.

**ARABIAN** (HA38). Broad overlapping large petals of red-violet. A telling deep single. 75c, 3 for \$1.75.



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**ALGONQUIN** (HA46). Flecks of white on red-purple give this large single flower a pinky effect. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**BLUE DANUBE** (82). Large double, indigo-blue with violet. Rays of white from base. Showy. 75c, 3 for \$1.75.

**BANZAI** (HA85). Blue veins on white, sharply cut, bright blue pistils. Double. 50c.

**BLUE EDGE** (17). Body color and pistils white. Petals banded bright blue. A favorite. 50c, 3 for \$1.10.

**CLOISONNE** (31). Tyrian blue and purple, white feathering towards base with orange arrow. Double. 60c, 3 for \$1.35.

**CHARLOTTE** (27). Bright violaceous-blue with gray-white mottling, yellow bar. Beautiful single. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

**CANDOR** (HA41). Blue and white, single veined and mottled, pistils white, blue tipped. 50c, 3 for \$1.10.

**CLARICE CHILDS** (10). Beautiful large single. Petunia-violet, bluer towards gold of base. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**CONSTANCE** (7). Shades of light blue, orange-buff markings at base of petals. Single. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**DAY DREAM** (42). Soft pinkish lilac, lightly veined pale violet-blue, golden base. Single. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**EMMELINE BLUE** (47). Large, single, bright violet-blue. Very effective and pleasing. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**GENESEE** (HA24). Double flower in orchid tones. Petals narrow, size medium. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**KALIKO** (HA13). Large splendidly finished flower. Close blending of violet and white, producing a Chinese-blue effect. Gold arrows at petal base. Late double. One of the finest Japs grown. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**KAGARABI** (81). Single bizarre. White veined red-purple. Pistils and standards purple. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.



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**LUCIE MARSHALL** (69). A spectacular large double. Pansy-violet intensified with broad gold spear, surrounded white and white pistils. Universally admired. \$1.00.

**LAWRENCE** (8). Single blue and violet. Conspicuous standards of deep violet. Gold arrowheads. 50c.

**MORNING MIST** (26). Large wavy petals of white with a blue mist overlay. Charming single. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**MIKADO** (22). Light blue with deep violet-blue lines and red standards. Early singles. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**NUBIAN** (HA75). Deep Oriental blue-purple, decorated with golden spears at base. Splendid large double. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**NESTOR** (HA40). Fine double deep blue-violet throughout, except the gold bar on petals. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

**NAIROBI** (HA4). Impressive single. The great petals of royal color spread seven to eight inches. Violet-blue with spade of gold at base. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.50.

**NABOB** (HA1). An outstanding large double. Broad petals of blue-violet throughout, with trim of gold. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**ORCHID** (HA86). Peacock decoration of gold, white and blue, shading into petal color of orchid-lavender. Exquisite single flower. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**OKU** (21). Single whitish, heavily veined and stained red-violet, violet standards. Holds up in hottest sun. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**OUTRIDER** (HA43). Medium violet single, flecked just enough with white to modify the tone. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

**PANOPLY** (HA2). One of the newest singles. White flecks on blue, blue pistils, standards bright claret, gold feathering at base. Impressive for size and tone of Chinese blue. \$1.50, 3 for \$3.00.

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**RENOWN** (HA5). Magnificent for size, depth of color and effectiveness. Double flowers of eight-inch sweep. Deep blue-violet with six gold arrow-heads. \$1.50, 3 for \$3.75.

**RINPOO** (20). Double, with pinky effect from pink lavender flecking on white. 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**ROYAL PURPLE** (15). Deep violet-red, rich and regal. Conspicuous gold arrows finish the artistry. Double. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

**SHORYUI** (78). White shaded and overlaid purple-blue. Clear blue effect. Single. 50c.

**SINBAD** (HA35). Deep blue-purple single, shapely and good size. Exceptional value at 50c, 3 for \$1.10.

**STORMCLOUD** (HA83). Intense violet-blue single, large and symmetrical, with bold golden spears. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**TAPESTRY** (HA87). Red-violet flecked grayish-white, pistils white bound violet. Single and very large. \$1.25.

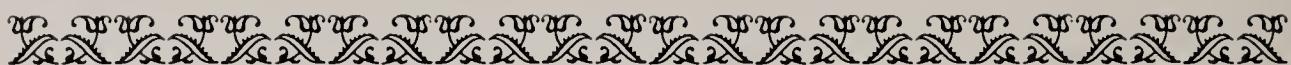
**VENICE** (33). Lavender pink double with veins of venetian blue. 50c, 3 for \$1.10.

**WHITE DRESS** (HA84). Tall double white, prolific bloomer over long season. Golden spades at base. 75c, 3 for \$1.80.

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### *Seeds of Aquilegias, Columbines*

The plants with beautiful foliage and always charming flowers, for *sun* or *shade*. The Hoodacres strain is notable for its large flowers and long spurs, but especially its new deep colors. Packets contain the deeper colors along with medium and light shades, well proportioned, as Eastern Prince, Copper Queen, Silver Queen, Myrose, Golden Shore, Red Spur, etc. Pkt. 50c. Some of these varieties can be supplied separately.



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### *Tower Bells*

Campanulas of the new "Giant" peachbells class, standing four to five feet high with tough stems, clothed their length with great bells of Bradley's Violet. Splendid Delphinium companions, hardy and long blooming. 40c each, 3 for \$1.00, dozen \$3.50.

*The Garden Trim*  
***Hoodacres Hybrid Heuchera***

A new race of "Coral Bells" or "Fairy Flowers". Greater vigor and blooming quality. Handsome evergreen foliage, many wiry stems clothed with bells of rich and vivid shades, also soft pinks and white. An ideal edging plant for all the year and brilliant with color over a long period. An ornament in the rock garden and a lasting cut-flower. When this plant is grown in colonies it becomes a revelation of beauty. One of our specialties.

**RAIN OF FIRE.** Strong coral red bells.

**EDGE HALL.** Dwarfer, light pink.

**MELODY.** Light coral pink, tall, abundant bloomer and fine for massing.

30c each, 3 for 75c, dozen \$2.50.

**ANGELUS BILLS.** Charming medium tone of coral.

**CURFEW BILLS.** Bicolor, white and coral.

**HERMES.** Lightest pink plumes, fine for cutting.

**ALBATROSS** and **NEBULENSE.** White flowered forms.

**TIARELLOIDES ALBA** (Heuchera-Tiarella hybrid). Delightful in the rocks or border. (See illustration page 28.)

35c each, 3 for 90c, dozen \$3.00.

**HEUCHERA SEEDLINGS** in splendid colors, mostly shades of coral. 6 for \$1.00, dozen \$1.75, 100 \$12.50. Priced for mass plantings. Two months' glorious display.

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*The New Viola—Jersey Jewell*

A vast improvement over the fine variety, Jersey Gem. Twice the size of blossoms and true "Pansy Violet" color. Perpetual flowering habit and very profuse. Plants build up into large clumps, sheeted over with bloom. 30c each, 3 for 75c, dozen \$2.70.

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We cannot fill plant orders of less than \$1.00.



TIARELLOIDES ALBA



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### *Trollius* *The Beautiful Globe Flower*

Blooms in spring when refined yellows are needed in the garden and at other times during summer and fall, while the foliage is decorative the season through.

**GOLDEN GLOBE.** Golden yellow. Large plants 50c, 3 for \$1.20.

**GOLDEN QUEEN.** (Ledebouri) Large orange yellow (given an AM by the RHS). 40c, 3 for \$1.00.

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### *Hemerocallis* *Daylilies*

Most effective border plants in their greatly improved forms, that bloom after the plethora of flowers is past. Tones of yellow and gold and heights from eight inches to four feet. New shades and largest blossoms. All good bloomers.

**CALYPSO.** Large light yellow, 30 in., June onward. 60c, 3 for \$1.35.

**DOVER.** Large clear orange, 24 in. 75c, 3 for \$1.75.

**J. A. CRAWFORD.** Very large rich apricot yellow, shaded deeper. \$1.50, 3 for \$3.40.

The older varieties, **FLAVA**, early, and **THUNBERGII**, late, 25c each, 3 for 60c.

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### *Oriental Poppies*

For splendor they occupy a place of their own. We have eliminated from our plantings all the old small-flowered and common orange kinds.

**LADY MOORE.** Glowing salmon-pink. Keeps its color and blooms along with Delphiniums; remarkable color combination, 24 in. \$1.00, 3 for \$2.25.

**AUSTRALIA.** Immense size, rich deep carmine, 36 in. \$1.50.



### *Testaceum Lilies*

Imposing stature, beautiful "Nankeen" yellow color, exquisite fragrance, and healthy growth in ordinary soil, well drained. Limited number, blooming size at \$1.00 each; large size \$2.00. Fall delivery.

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### *Washingtonianum (Mt. Hood) Lilies*

Blossoms very abundant, funnel-shaped, and opening white with purple dots in the throat, change like the trilliums until they finish in a rich wine color. Strong bloom-size bulbs 50c each, \$5.00 a dozen. Fall delivery.

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### *Regale Lilies*

Well known as handsome garden subjects and reliable in many climes. The flowers are large and white, light yellow throat, and outside shaded winy. Being a stem-rooting bulb, it must be set deeply, eight to ten inches. Fine bloom-size bulbs, 50c and \$1.00 each. 10% less by the dozen. Fall delivery.

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### *About Gladiolus*

At Hoodacres we grow them for cutting, of course, not usually for border use. But we have developed a variety specially fitted for borders and which gives bloom there in August when so much needed. **FRESCO** is a beautiful flower of autumn-leaf tones, with a design in ruby lines on lower petals. It is also large and of perfect form, but has a heavy texture not carried by any other variety, that enables it to hold a *long time in bloom*. Long spikes, tall with splendid leafage, sure bloomer. Plant in groups a foot apart. 50c, 3 for \$1.20, dozen \$4.00.

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### *Beautifully Colored Lantern Slides*

For loan to Garden clubs when DELPHINIUMS are to be featured.

The set numbers between 50 and 60 of artistic and exceptionally well executed subjects, mostly Delphiniums, with carefully prepared notes and a Delphinium talk. They are available to any accredited Garden Club, without charge, except payment of transportation one way.

In order to make sure of suitable dates application should be made as far in advance as possible.



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### HYBRID HEUCHERAS AS CUT FLOWERS

### GOOD GERMINATION DUE TO BOTH GROWER AND SEEDS

New York, 1931-32. "I sowed the packet of White seed April 23d and grew 106 plants. One beautiful White Delphinium from your seeds is of the purest white, double, with pure white center and a wonderful texture. I wouldn't take \$25.00 for it if I couldn't duplicate it."

### BEAUTIFUL DELPHINIUMS IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Pennsylvania, 1931. "While in Wellsboro I saw Mrs. Pagan's beautiful garden. The loveliest flowers in it were the many varieties of Delphinium. The seeds she bought from you."

You are invited to join the AMERICAN DELPHINIUM SOCIETY. Its purpose is,

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"To collect and disseminate all information considered to be of material aid to the betterment of Delphinium and to the growers and breeders of this flower; to encourage the production of new and valuable varieties; to provide for a proper classification, nomenclature and registration of named varieties; to establish test gardens and prove the true worth of such varieties; to organize and hold Delphinium exhibits, or to join with others in organizing and holding such exhibits; to give prizes, medals, and certificates of merit; to hold regional meetings, and to do such other things as may stimulate interest in Delphinium and in the Society."

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The dues are two dollars per year and you will receive the Bulletins of the Society, published three times per year, carrying interesting and instructive contributions from European and American specialists. The first number, consisting of 60 pages, is ready for distribution; the second number will be out in September. In addition, each member is entitled to ask and to obtain information about anything pertaining to Delphinium. Send dues to Leon H. Leonian, West Virginia University, Morgantown, W. Va.

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### *Plant Shipments to England*

Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens,  
Wisley, Ripley, Surrey (England), March, 1930.

"Your Delphiniums have today reached us and now they are unpacked they look very well, so I have great hopes of them."

## THE GARDEN FAIRIES DID IT

*And this is their word for it.*

We choose the colors, rainbow bright, from every  
darling flower;

We press our lips on petals light, through all the  
sunny hour.

We dip our brushes in the paint of colors from the  
sky

And paint the petals, hidden tight within the buds  
so sly.

Then the buds burst open wide and colors bright  
are there,

For we have touched them, every one, with rain-  
bow light so fair.

—*By one of the FAIRIES.*



(PERENNIAL LARKSPURS)